

**CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Commission Chambers**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada 89106**  
**June 25, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**           **FRANCO, KIMBERLY (KF)** – Veterinarian  
   **GIPAYA, MARY (MG)** – Large Animal Owner or Equine Conservation  
   Group, Vice Chair  
   **SAYEGH, SUSAN S. (SSS)** – General Public, Chair  
   **VOSS, TIFFANY (TV)** – Student  
   **WILLIAMS, KEITH (KW)** – Non-Profit Humane Group

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**           **SMITH, PAMELA (PS)** – Animal Breeder or Handler

- 1. Call to Order**  
SSS called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**  
Members announced themselves and stated that Pamela Smith was absent.
- 3. Public Comment**  
SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.
- 4. Approval of Agenda**  
SSS asked for a motion to approve the June 25, 2015 agenda, motion by MG, second by KF. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.
- 5. Approval of the April 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
SSS asked for approval of the Minutes. KW motioned for approval, second by MG. All in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.
- 6. Discuss Vaccination Clinic**  
Jason Allswang (JA), Chief of Code Enforcement, provided a review of plans for a future vaccination clinic. Suggestions of location were Horseman's Park and Whitney Community Center. The time suggested was outside of the summer months. JA asked the committee if they could decide on a date or location.  
  
SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.  
  
KW suggested meeting with Heaven Can Wait (HCW) and the Humane Society (HS) to coordinate a date. JA advised he would contact both organizations and get their feedback about October/November dates. If Horseman's Park is unavailable, because it is busy that time of year, Whitney Community Center would be a good alternative. MG will check Horseman's Park availability and inform JA via E-mail. SSS asked JA to look at availability for Whitney Community Center. KW made motion for a date in the October/November time frame, to coordinate with community partners concerning dates, and to look into availability of locations. Second by MG, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.
- 7. Receive a Report and Discuss School Animal Clubs and Other Related Matter**  
TV handed out a charter for the board members concerning her newly formed school club, Students for Responsible Pet Owners (SRPO). She decided to name the club SRPO. TV advised they will have a table during club day to recruit as many students as possible. SSS asked if the club

was for a specific school, in which TV responded, Palo Verde High School. TV stated the club would not reach out to existing programs and create a new program. She will report back next meeting on the progress.

SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.

**8. Discuss and Make Recommendations on Limitations to the Number of Animals Owned or Kept at One Location**

JA briefed the committee on pet limitations as previously discussed. He clarified the county codes and zoning codes for fancier permits and breeder show permits for cats, dogs, and small and large livestock. JA explained the current procedure in place that uses a hearing process to extend the number of animals on a single property on a case to case basis.

SSS opened public comment. Regina Harmon, 285 Irvin, said she would like to see an increase for foster ability. Janice Ridondo, San Miguel Avenue, Clark County resident, spoke for Commissioner Tom Collins. Collins is concerned with being in violation while having guests in his home who are pet owners, and bring their animals to stay. JR agreed that a fostering volunteer should be allowed to foster and simultaneously own their personal dogs without being in violation. Collins' other issue is concerning fancier permits in places such as Logandale, Overton, and Bunkerville, which lie within Clark County. Residents may have livestock in addition to multiple dogs and should not have to deal with permits. Lori Heart, Clark County Resident, would like to see a specific permit for foster organizations because she does not want to be in violation while simultaneously fostering and owning animals. She would like to see adoption fees waived for rescue organizations because of additional fees incurred during the fostering process. Claire Ramsey, 8412 Gilmore, agreed that rescues need to be able to foster animals while owning their own animals. She stated animals are being turned down because of the number limit on animals. Stephanie Gregerson, 144 La Mirada, stated foster volunteers must look after young puppies in order to get them to an adoptive status, but she is constantly concerned about the number of animals in her care and being in violation with the law. Madeleine Franco, Mosaic Harbor Avenue, Las Vegas, emphasized the best way to make animals adoptable is by keeping them in homes with human contact. SSS closed public comment.

MG asked if there was a way to allow specific permits for rescue organizations. JA stated language could be proposed, but reminded the board of the existing process through Planning Commission to allow more animals. Discussion was had about the fee of the permit process through Planning Commission. SSS expressed setting a limit on the number of animals rather than restrict the time in which the animals are cared. She is open to suggestions from the public in order to create language for a foster permit. JA requested the language be E-mailed to him within two weeks, by July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Discuss and Make Recommendations on Exemptions to Mandatory Sterilization Requirements**

JA briefed the board on the current sterilization exemptions in county code. He requested direction on adding language and sterilization exemptions for hunting and ranching animals.

SSS opened public comment. Karen Layne, Las Vegas Valley Humane Society, 3395 S. Jones #454, is opposed to this exemption. She stated hunting and ranching animals should obtain a permit if an exemption is added. SSS closed public comment.

MG expressed concern for differentiating herding and working dogs from domestic pets, but suggested a burden of proof could be placed upon the owner to receive a permit. KW is concerned with the definition of a hunting dog and believes the permit will be abused. SSS agreed with MG and KW, expressing the exclusions would be difficult to enforce. KW motioned to make no

changes to the current ordinances, second by MG, all in favor, no opposition, motion passed.

**10. Discuss and Provide Recommendations on Emerging Issues to be Addressed by the Committee at Future Meetings**

KW stated the City of North Las Vegas passed their “Manage Feral Cat Colony” ordinance, bringing them closer in line with Clark County and the City of Las Vegas.

SSS opened public comment. Caroline Thomas Jenson, 3155 Loma Vista Avenue, stated her concern with coyotes killing pets. She suggested TNR for the coyote population so they cannot put people and pets at risk. Madeleine Franco commented on the previous speaker’s coyote suggestion. She suggested licensing dogs for a small fee in order to hunt alongside their owner. Franco also suggested allowing a temporary over-limit permit to be purchased for someone having a guest staying in their home. Annoula Wylderich, 4328 Murillo Street, addressed multiple calls of pets being left outside in the heat as a problem. She stated with the extreme temperatures, anywhere past 90 degrees, the 12-hour maximum is too long. Wylderich provided photos of a recent complaint with a dog on a short chain being left outside in 115 degree temperatures. She read parts of an article from the District Attorney, Steven Wolfson’s office. The article states when animal lives are in danger, Wolfson considers it of criminal nature, and his office is prepared to prosecute for these crimes. Wylderich believes something needs to be done about the 12-hour limit and suggested heavier citing by officers. Joshua Cowart, 351 Papaya, stated coyotes do not attack humans and are only interested in other wild animals. Coyotes are a native species and can be regulated by bounties if they become out of control. Cowart pressed for a need to address the death of various native species committed by feral cats. He does not believe the trap, neuter, and release program is responsible and would like to see it placed on the agenda. Harold Vasko, Heaven Can Wait, 62 Innisbrook, stated there should be a ban on tethering animals and any temperature over 90 degrees is too hot for animals to be outside. SSS closed public comment.

MG would like to see the tethering ban discussed and placed on the agenda. KW stated he is willing to make a presentation on Clark County’s current cat program. MG motioned to add the tethering ban and a TNR presentation to the next AAC meeting agenda. Second by KF, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed. KW motioned to get a representative from Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to discuss the coyote situation at the next meeting. Second by MG. JA stated he will reach out to NDOW. No opposition, all in favor, motion passed.

**11. Comments by the General Public**

SSS opened public comment. Ken Foote, 4460 Denia Circle, questioned JA about copies of the book he provided for the committee called *The Invisible Ark*. He suggested if the committee reads this book they may have a better idea of certain public opinions. Regina Harmon wanted to clarify that committee members would speak to rescue organization representatives after the meeting. SSS agreed that they could speak to the public directly, just not as a committee. SSS closed public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

MG made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by KW, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.